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Calvin Hughes

Anchor, WPLG-TV Local 10 News

Emmy Award-winning newscaster Calvin Hughes serves as the weekday morning and noon news anchor at WPLG-TV Local 10 News.

Hughes plans to settle down in South Florida after a nomadic life during his television news career. He has worked as an anchor/reporter in three of the nation's top ten media markets in Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Dallas. He has also carried his pen and reporter's notepad to Lexington, Ky., Evansville, Ind., and Columbia, Mo., where he launched his career on the radio at the age of 19. Hughes has covered a number of national news stories, political conventions, and interviewed a wide-ranging number of newsmakers, including President George W. Bush and the late Coretta Scott King.

Hughes holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He was born in Cleveland, Oh. and spent his teenage years in East St. Louis, Ill. In 2002, he was selected to run the relay leg of the Olympic torch as it passed through the streets of St. Louis, headed for the winter games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Active in the community, Hughes has served as an emcee and motivational speaker for numerous colleges, universities and churches. He is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Hughes now resides in Miramar, Fla., with his wife and two sons.

SPEAKERS



Bryan Wiedmeier

President and Chief Operating Officer, Miami Dolphins

Entering his 28th season with the Dolphins, Bryan Wiedmeier was named President and Chief Operating Officer of the team on January 10, 2006. In that role he is responsible for directing the franchise on a day-to-day basis. He serves as the team's primary representative in National Football League affairs and is a visible representative of the club in the South Florida community. He works closely with Bill Parcells regarding the team's football operations and Bill Pierce of Dolphins Enterprises in managing the team's business affairs.

With more than a quarter century of service to the Dolphins, Wiedmeier is uniquely qualified to provide leadership in both team and league affairs. He served as the team's Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer from 2002-05, where he was responsible for the day-to-day management of the business operations, football administration and all labor areas. In addition, he serves on a number of NFL committees, is an original member of the NFL Management Council's Working Club Executive Committee and is a Trustee of the NFL Player Insurance Trust.

Wiedmeier's professional career with the Dolphins began in 1981 and he has served in a variety of front office roles of increasing importance with both the team and the stadium since then. He was named Assistant General Manager in 1990, and was promoted several times to reflect his expanded responsibilities with the club, first to Vice President - Administration from 1995-1999, to Senior Vice President - Business Operations through 2001 and finally to Executive Vice President - Chief Operating Officer before assuming the team's presidency. He earned his J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law and is a member of the Florida Bar. He received his B.A. from Carroll College, which he attended on a football scholarship and served as a team captain in his senior year. He was the starting center for the school's 1978 undefeated Hall of Fame team.

He is married to Mary K. They have five children, Lauren, Victoria, John, Danielle, and Matthew, ranging in age from 15 to 21. He and his family reside in Miramar, Fla.



Kirby Hocutt

Athletic Director, University of Miami

Kirby Hocutt is in his first year as the Director of Athletics at the University of Miami. Introduced as UM's new Director of Athletics on Feb. 8, 2008, Hocutt began his tenure as the university's 11th Director of Athletics on June 1, 2008.

Hocutt, 36, came to Miami after serving as the athletic director at Ohio University since 2005. Prior to that, he spent six years at the University of Oklahoma and served most recently as associate athletic director for external operations and sports administration.

A former star linebacker at Kansas State, Hocutt has a total of 17 years experience in intercollegiate athletics, including five as a student-athlete. He replaces Paul Dee, who retired after serving as the Director of Athletics at UM for the past 16 years.

At Ohio, Hocutt significantly reorganized the athletic department's annual giving program. His leadership led to an increase in fundraising by more than 75 percent, including the securing of the second-largest major gift in school athletics history. He also increased season ticket sales in football by 112 percent and in men's basketball by 50 percent. He developed a comprehensive plan to improve the facilities for the football stadium and its press box, as well as the Convocation Center, which houses all administrative and coaches' offices.

In his three years at Ohio, the school won 11 team championships and four head coaches were recognized as conference Coaches of the Year. In 2006, the football team played in its first bowl game in 38 years.

At Oklahoma, Hocutt was the primary administrator for football and the sport supervisor for baseball, men's and women's golf, as well as men's and women's tennis. His duties included supervision of the athletics development office, athletics ticket office, special events, stadium suite program, athletics endowment program, letter winners association and the department's facility use and rental program.

Hocutt led Oklahoma's athletics fundraising to an all-time high in annual giving and capital campaigns. From 1998 to 2005, Oklahoma's annual giving increased from \$3.4 million to more than \$17 million. That 400 percent increase in annual giving was one of the highest percentage increases in intercollegiate athletics history.

Beginning in 1999, Hocutt served in a leadership position in the strategic planning for a \$100 million capital campaign. The \$120 million campaign was unique in that it focused on facility construction or improvements for each of Oklahoma's 20 sports.

Prior to joining the Oklahoma staff, Hocutt served as the assistant director of licensing at the NCAA. In that position, he worked with corporate partners and licensees to create new revenue producing initiatives to support and promote all 81 NCAA championships. He began his career in sports administration as the assistant director of marketing and promotions at Kansas State University. While at Kansas State, he implemented revenue-producing activities for the athletics department, including corporate partner sponsorships and ticket sales.

A former student-athlete at Kansas State, Hocutt was a four-year letterman as a linebacker while leading the Big 8 Conference in tackles and being named to the All-Big 8 Conference team during his junior season. In 1993, The Sporting News selected him as one of the top 20 underrated players in the nation. Hocutt also served as a team captain his senior season. Two of Hocutt's coaches at Kansas State were Bob Stoops, head football coach at Oklahoma and Jim Leavitt, the head football coach at USF.

Hocutt earned his bachelor's degree from Kansas State in 1995 and his master's of education degree from the University of Oklahoma in 2001. He and his wife Diane have two sons, 6-year-old Drew and 4-year-old Brooks.



Pete Garcia

Director of Athletics, Florida International University

Pete Garcia was introduced as the Florida International University Director of Athletics on October 10, 2006, after serving one year as the senior associate athletic director at the University of Miami. The opportunity to lead the charge at an institution that Garcia has called "a sleeping giant," in the city he grew up in, was one he could not pass over.

Garcia's vision for FIU Athletics is ambitious but clear. His focus is unwavering and he has already put FIU on the path to reach its goals in several areas in a short time at his post.

He increased academic support for student-athletes by hiring additional staff and implementing several programs that have resulted in significant academic improvement in

just one full semester at FIU. Garcia also campaigned for and was granted more summer school opportunities for student-athletes to meet their degree requirements in a timely fashion as they balance the rigors of competing at the Division I level.

Garcia played a crucial role in garnering University-wide approval for a new on-campus football stadium and student support complex that is currently under construction, and helped select Odebrecht Construction, Inc. to design and build the complex.

Garcia served in various roles at the University of Miami, first as an assistant recruiting coordinator for football in 1990, following a year in personnel development with the Miami Dolphins. He spent five years as the director of football operations, and most recently as the senior associate AD overseeing the school's media relations, marketing and ticket sales, as well as managing all major contract negotiations with corporations such as Nike, Gatorade and Coca-Cola.

At Miami, Garcia was instrumental in recruiting football players such as current NFL standouts Andre Johnson, Ray Lewis, Bryant McKinnie, Santana Moss, Clinton Portis, Ed Reed, Jeremy Shockey, Jonathan Vilma, Reggie Wayne, Vince Wilfork and D.J. Williams.

In 2001, Garcia joined former UM coach Butch Davis with the Cleveland Browns as the director of football development. Two years later, he was promoted to vice president of player personnel and football development and served in that capacity for another two seasons prior to returning to Miami.

A native of Havana, Cuba, Garcia is a 1984 graduate of the University of Miami with a B.S. in business administration. Garcia and his wife, Edylin—an FIU graduate, have one daughter, Kristie.